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Order of Battle

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1. The Communist 4 Division of the 2 Column is a few kilometers north of Yaokotaitzu (122-49, 42-04), with the 5 and 6 Divisions about 10 kilometers west of the 4 Division.

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2. The Communist 7 Column is 18 kilometers from Hsinlitun (122-08, 42-01). The Communist 8 Column troops are moving from the Hsinlitun area to Heishan (122-05, 41-42).

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3. the Communist losses during the last offensive were approximately 81,000 killed and wounded, and approximately 2,500 taken prisoner.

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4. All Communist units: The 2 Column is about 10 kilometers east of Hsinlitun. The 9 Column is moving northwest from the Taian (122-25, 41-23) and Liaochung (122-44, 41-32) area. The 4 Column is 20 kilometers southeast of Liaochung. The South 8 Column is dispersed as follows: The 1 and 2 Divisions are 10 kilometers south of Liaoyang (123-12, 41-16). The 3 Division is a few kilometers north of Haicheng (122-41, 40-51). The 4 Division is at Shaho (123-03, 41-10).

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7. All Communist units: The 23 Division of the 8 Column, the entire 7 Column, part of the 2 Column and a regiment of the 1 Column are in the Hsinlitun area. 50X1-HUM

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9. FAN Han-chieh, formerly commanding officer of the army group in Shantung, is now in Taiden and will form a new army group composed of the 54, 92 and New 2 Armies. This army group will use one army, probably the New 2 Army, to act as railway guards with the other two armies used as mobile units. 50X1-HUM

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11. All Communist units: The 1 Column minus the 3 Division has moved to the southeast of Hsinlitun. The 2 Column is a few kilometers east of the town. Part of the 7 Column, the 19 Division of the 7 Column and the main force of the 8 Column attacked Hsinlitun railroad station on the afternoon of 25 January and are believed to have occupied the town. The 20 and 21 Divisions of the 7 Column are a few kilometers north of the town. The 6 Column is 30 kilometers northwest of Hsinlitun. 50X1-HUM

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14. All Communist units: The 23 Division of the 8 Column is now stationed at Hsinlitun. The 22 and 24 Divisions are moving west, the 2 Column east and the 19 Division of the 2 Column south of Hsinlitun. The 9 Column arrived at Heishan. 50X1-HUM

the unit will move to the Heishan area to prevent Nationalist reinforcements at Chinchou from moving north. The 10 Division of the 4 Column is 10 kilometers west, the 11 Division 20 kilometers east and the 12 Division 30 kilometers north of Liao-chung.

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15. 1,000 troops of the Communist South 8 Column Note: See paragraph 4 of this report/ moved to within 5 kilometers of Liacyang but withdrew southward on the following day. The location of the Communist 10 Column is doubtful, but a large body of troops moving eastward from a point 15 kilometers southwest of Faku may be this unit. 50X1-HUM

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18. All Communist units: The 4 Column is moving north from the Liaochung area. The 12 Brigade is at Paichipao (122-31, 41-52); the 10 Brigade is 5 kilometers southwest of the town; the 11 Brigade is not located but is moving west. The 20 and 21 Divisions of the 7 Column are at Chinchiaowopeng (122-12, 41-56). The 3 Column is 20 kilometers southwest of Faku. The 6 and 9 Columns are moving westward

Note: See paragraph 14 of this report<sup>7</sup>.

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21. [redacted] a train load of supplies for the Communists arrived at Liaoyuan (123-30, 43-30) from Tsitsihar. About the same date 20,000 Communist litter bearers were also transported by rail from Tsitsihar to Liaoyuan. Liaoyuan is the largest Communist supply depot in west Manchuria.
22. The railroad from Liaoyuan to Tungliao (122-14, 43-38) is in operation and the Communists are repairing the line from Tungliao to Changwu (122-29, 42-23). The Communists seemingly intend to hold the areas gained in the last offensive and to use Changwu as the distribution point for building up strength for the spring offensive.
23. The railroad from Mukden to Hsinmin (122-48, 41-59) is in operation. The railroad from Shanhaikuan (119-47, 40-01) to Koupangtzu (121-44, 41-21) has been repaired.

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